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SUBJ: ASEAN TALKS WITH JAPAN

1. BANGKOK POST, 26 MAY, SUMMARIZED STATEMENT BY THEP THEWAKUN,
DG FOR ASEAN AFFAIRS, MFA, CONCERNING FORTHCOMING ASEAN-JAPANESE
DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER SONODA AT PATTAYA
17 JUNE FOLLOWING THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING
SCHEDULED FROM 14-16 JUNE IN THAILAND.

2. THEP WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER
FUKUDA'S PLEDGES OF AID TO ASEAN AT LAST YEAR'S MEETING IN
KUALA LUMPUR WOULD BE MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION. FUKUDA HAD
PROMISED THAT JAPAN WOULD INCREASE OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT AID TO
ASEAN MEMBERS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE PERCENT OF JAPAN'S GNP WITHIN
FIVE YEARS. (IT IS CURRENTLY 0.6 TO 0.7 PERCENT OF GNP.)

3. MR. FUKUDA HAD ALSO PLEDGED TO CONSIDER FAVORABLY AN ASEAN
REQUEST FOR U.S. \$DOLLARS ONE BILLION IN AID FOR FIVE MAJOR
INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS. THEP SAID THAT FEASIBILITY SURVEYS
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OF THREE OF THE FIVE PROJECTS, NAMELY, THE AMMONIA-UREA
PROJECT FOR MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA AND THE SODA ASH PROJECT
FOR THAILAND, HAD ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED. HE WAS FURTHER
QUOTED AS SAYING JAPAN PROMISED TO DEVELOP A QUOTE HEART
TO HEART UNQUOTE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ASEAN NATIONS.
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